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Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R.

§1.56, Applicant submits herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

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A copy of each of the references set forth above has been enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and a separate listing of the same has been set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449. All references were also cited in the International Search Report, which was previously submitted. An English abstract is also submitted herewith for each non-English document marked with an asterisk to facilitate reference thereto. U.S. Patent No. 4,194,944 corresponding to non-English document DE 27 21 980 is also submitted herewith to facilitate reference thereto. A concise explanation of non-English patent document DT 25 53 802 is also provided in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3).

CONCISE EXPLANATION OF NON-ENGLISH PATENT DOCUMENT

German Patent Document DT 25 53 802 relates to a strip embossing press for pressing foils, papers, artificial and genuine veneers, films and other surface materials on to carrier plates and panels, e.g., chipboards. The press includes two strips, e.g., steel strips, arranged in a superposed relationship, wherein each forms an endless loop. The strips are guided at the entry and the exit of the press by way of direction-changing rollers. The strips are supported at strip portions which extend into the pressing region, and are in mutually parallel, preferably horizontal, relationship. Remote from the material to be pressed, a

plurality of support rollers are distributed over the length of said strip portion, characterized in that the axes of the support rollers belonging to the upper strip extend between two axes of the support rollers belonging to the lower strip.

Applicant respectfully submits that the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 have been fulfilled, having submitted all known references in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98. Applicant believes that no fee is due at this time. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

In view of the present submission, it is believed that the above-referenced application is, in all respects, complete and in condition for examination and favorable consideration. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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